



# **CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA**

**April 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

### **ST. MARYS INTRACOASTAL GATEWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:02 pm by Mr. Gant
- II. ROLL CALL: *Mr. Craig Root; Mr. John Morrissey; Mrs. Kay Westberry; Mrs. Teddie Lockhart; Mr. Gary Straight; and Mr. Jim Gant;* QUORUM: YES XX NO       
  
Absent: *Councilman Bob Nutter; Mrs. Mary Neff; Mr. Phil Jones; Mr. Robby Horton and Mr. Roger A. Weaver*  
  
Guests: *Mrs. Lorna Gant; Mrs. Judy Thurner; Mr. Chris Thurner; Ms. Johna Rush; and Mr. Jared Kever*
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Review and approval of minutes of March 13, 2014 - Motion by Mr. Gary Straight; Seconded by Mrs. Kay Westberry. All were in favor of the vote.*
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: *No additions to the agenda.*
- V. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – no comments at this time.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Update on the Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG): *Mr. Gant reported that the grant is complete. It has been closed out and all work is completed. Signage has been installed. Mr. Craig Root noted that the signs look great.*
  - B. Update on the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant: *Mr. Gant reported that this grant is moving along slowly. The latest change order was approved at a recent City Council meeting.*
  - C. Marketing Gateway for Public Use: *a. Temporary Public Use Signage – Mr. Gant reported that Mr. Weaver was tasked with repairing the current temporary public availability signage. An update will be given at the next meeting. c. Kiwanis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Use – Mr. Gant reported that he did speak with Kiwanis in regards to using the property for July 4<sup>th</sup> and Kiwanis responded with two concerns that 1. the property was out of the way and 2. there was no electricity on the property. Mr. Gant informed the group that there is power on the property.*
  - D. Foram Report: *Mr. Gant reported that Loretta visited on April 4<sup>th</sup> and he was unable to meet with her. It was an impromptu visit by her and some of her staff. She has noted that she is aiming for 10 million in capital and is working with several groups who are familiar with the area and love it. It has been ensured that whoever is presented to the group will be financially qualified to complete the project.*
  - E. Private Vehicle and Golf Cart Access: *Mr. Gant reminded the group that a request was made to the city to limit access to the property by vehicle. Complaints came into the city from a handicapped citizen in regards to this limited access and the request was modified to open the gate at 7:00 am and close at night still continuing police patrols to ensure no further criminal incidents on the property. The walkway will still be accessible all times. Golf cart access across the bridge walkway will still be blocked due to potential hazards for riders. After discussion, the committee questioned still the access of the property by vehicle. Mr. Gant will readdress this issue with the City Manager.*
  - F. Meeting Date Survey: *Mr. Gant presented the results of the survey that was conducted in regards to a potential concurrent meeting date. The proposed were: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 5:00 pm monthly or the 2<sup>nd</sup>*



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*Thursday at 5:00 pm monthly. Mr. Root made a motion that the meetings be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lockhart. All were in favor.*

Mr. Morrissey suggested that the National Park Service Superintendent be invited to speak at the next meeting. The new hire should be on board by that time.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A.

VIII. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES: NONE

IX. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC –ANY ITEM RELATED TO THE SMIG MISSION:

X. ADJOURNMENT: *was at 5:30 pm with a motion by Mr. Craig Root and seconded by Mrs. Kay Westberry. All were in favor.*

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE**

*Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.*

*William Jennings Bryan quoted at the Council presentation on June 14, 2010 regarding the 100 Ready Street Project*